

Cumberlands Workforce Development Board
Meeting Minutes
12/10/2024

The Cumberlands Workforce Development Board (CWDB) met in person and via Zoom on December 10th, 2024 at the Lake Cumberland Area Development office in Russell Springs. Vice-Chairman Sam Brown called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Ms. Jana Shell called the roll. There were nineteen (19) of the twenty-nine (29) members present in-person or via zoom, thus constituting a quorum of the Board. There were 10 members in-person and nine via zoom were Business and Workforce representatives which met the requirement of 51% of members present being a combination of Business and Workforce representatives.

Copies of the October 15th, 2024 Meeting Minutes were sent to all members. Questions/corrections were asked for; there being none, a motion was made by Vice-Chairman Brown to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Scott Pierce made the motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Kevin Shearer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Sam Brown asked for appointment and ratification of the following members to the Youth Committee; Katie Smith, LaQuita Goodin and Johnna Robinson. Ms. Tina Cook made the motion to accept the appointments and Mr. Wendell Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Vickie Wells, Treasurer gave the budget report stating our total budget for the year is \$2,131,706.21. As of November 22nd, 2024, we have expended \$672,063.87 which is 31.53% of the budget. Ms. Vickie Wells made the motion to accept the 2024 preliminary budget and Mr. Wendell Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Karen Miller, One-Stop Operator, went over the Kentucky Career Center update. In the packet given was the number of people helped at each Career Center, how many were in person, on the phone or virtual for the 2nd Quarter for the months of October and November:

- Albany: In person-150; Phone-40; Virtual-3; Total-193
- Burkesville: In person-2; Phone-3; Virtual-1; Total-6
- Campbellsville: In person-324; Phone-8; Virtual-0; Total-332
- Columbia: In person-101; Phone-41; Virtual-0; Total-142
- Corbin: In person-151; Phone-99; Virtual-0; Total-250
- Liberty: In person-355; Phone-16; Virtual-93; Total-464
- London: In person-8; Phone-27; Virtual-0; Total-35
- Monticello: In person-32; Phone-79; Virtual-9; Total-120
- Russell Springs: In person-41; Phone-72; Virtual-0; Total-113
- Somerset: In person-757; Phone-1552; Virtual-2828; Total-5137
- Whitley City: In person-353; Phone-97; Virtual-63; Total-513
- Grand total: In person-2274; Phone-2034; Virtual-2997; Total-7,305

Ms. Marsha Wells, WIOA Director LCADD, gave an update on the WIOA program. The PY23 performance numbers were as follows: the credential rate for adults was 62.9% with a negotiated rate of 75%, the credential rate for youth was 43.5% with a negotiated rate of 62%, the median rate for youth was \$3,176 with a negotiated rate of \$4,000. The rates for PY24 will be as follows: the negotiated rate for adults will be 71%, the negotiated rate for youth will be 50%, the median earnings for youth will be \$3,800. Ms. Wells reports that in PY24 the Department of Labor will be tracking numbers more heavily in regards to serving the employer. Several team members attended an annual training for Local Workforce Development Area Leaders held by the Department of Workforce Development. There are two retirements: Sandy Burkholtz and Charlotte Smith.

Ms. Lisa Gosser, Business Services Coordinator; gave an WIOA Business services team update. Ms. Gosser went over all of the trainings, meetings and events that the WIOA team has attended and participate in, plus, all of the numbers for the Facebook page and post engagement.

Ms. Myra Wilson, Executive Director CWDB, gave a director's update. Recertification for the board is due in January. Ms. Wilson and Michael Gritton testified at the EDWI in Frankfort. The budget should be completed by June for the 10 workforce areas for additional youth funds. At the November KWIB meeting in Frankfort, they identified the top 5 in demand sectors: healthcare, manufacturing and logistics, construction, education, professional scientific and technical services. The board will have the opportunity to suggest 2 additional sectors. Several board representatives attended the Cumberland's SWAT meeting in December and came up with ideas for unifying some of the work being done. Surveys will be going out for the local and regional plan to see what our area can benefit from in additional sectors. In January, the board will start focusing on the Statewide Reserve Grant for female participants in cyber security. Thanks to Ms. Marsha Wells and Ms. Charlotte Smith for all their work. Deputy Secretary Beth Brinley will retire at the end of December.

Ms. B.J. Wilkerson WIOA Assistant Director, gave an LCADD direct service provider update. The application was submitted for the Pre-ETS Program that will serve youth 14 years and up who have disabilities. The Opioid abatement program currently has 16 enrolled. Putting Young Kentuckians to Work currently has 22 students enrolled.

In other business, Mr. Waylon Wright, LCADD Executive Director, expressed appreciation to Ms. Wells and Ms. Smith for their service. Mr. Wright reported that the site for the building project did not work out, therefore, a new tract was being searched for. Mr. Scott Pierce, addressed strategic planning from the state saying they were working on getting the information together and to Ms. Myra Wilson so the board will know what to focus on and how to adjust accordingly. Mr. Sam Brown, Vice-Chairman, expressed appreciation to Ms. Sandy Burkholtz, Ms. Smith and Ms. Wells for their hard work.

The adjournment motion was made by Vice-Chairman Sam Brown.

Jeff Vanhook, Chairman

Vickie Wells, Secretary/Treasurer